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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****49 CFR Part 1**

[OST Docket No. 1; Amdt. 1-273]

Organization and Delegation of Powers and Duties Delegations of Authority to the Maritime Administrator**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) hereby delegates to the Maritime Administrator authority to carry out the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-324 (46 App. U.S.C. 2001 et seq.). The act authorizes the Secretary to award decorations and medals of appropriate design (including ribbons, ribbon bars, emblems, rosettes, miniature facsimiles, plaques, citations, or other suitable devices or insignia) for individual acts or service in the United States merchant marine. This amendment revises language in subparagraph 1.66(k) to cite the current statutory authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule becomes effective September 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Thomas, Maritime Industry Analyst, Office of Maritime Labor, Training, and Safety, Maritime Administration, MAR-250, Room 7302, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-5755, or Steven B. Farbman, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement (C-50), Department of Transportation, Room 10424, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) has been delegated authority to carry out the Merchant Marine Medals Act of 1956 (46 App. U.S.C. 249 et seq.) since enactment. Delegation is through the Secretary of Transportation at 49 CFR 1.66(k). The 1956 act was repealed by the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-324, (46 App. U.S.C. 2001 et seq.). The act authorizes the Secretary to award decorations and medals of appropriate design (including ribbons, ribbon bars,

emblems, rosettes, miniature facsimiles, plaques, citations, or other suitable devices or insignia) for individual acts or service in the United States merchant marine. This amendment revises language in subparagraph 1.66(k) to cite the current statutory authority. Since this amendment relates to departmental management, organization, procedure, and practice, notice and comment are unnecessary, and the rule may become effective in fewer than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1

Authority delegations (Government agencies), Organizations and functions (Government agencies).

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 1 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

PART 1—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322; Pub.L. 101-552, 28 U.S.C. 2672, 31 U.S.C. 3711(a)(2).

§ 1.66 [Amended]

2. Section 1.66 is amended by revising paragraph (k) to read as follows:

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(k) Carry out the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act of 1988 (46 App. U.S.C. 2001 et seq.);

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Issued at Washington, DC this 7th day of September, 1995.

Federico Peña,
Secretary of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 301**

[Docket No. 950106003-5070-02; I.D. 091495A]

Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Area 2A Non-treaty Commercial Fishery Reopening

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Inseason action.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), publishes this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations approved by the U.S. Government to govern the Pacific halibut fishery. This action is intended to enhance the conservation of the Pacific halibut stock.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Area 2A non-treaty commercial fishery reopening 8 a.m. through 6 p.m., local time, September 12, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Pennoyer, 907-586-7221; William W. Stelle, Jr., 206-526-6140; or Donald McCaughan, 206-634-1838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IPHC, under the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953), as amended by a Protocol Amending the Convention (signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979), has issued this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations governing the Pacific halibut fishery. The regulations have been approved by NMFS (60 FR 14651, March 20, 1995). On behalf of the IPHC, this inseason action is published in the Federal Register to provide additional notice of its effectiveness, and to inform persons subject to the inseason action of the restrictions and requirements established therein.

Inseason Action**1995 Halibut Landing Report Number 14****Area 2A Non-treaty Commercial Fishery To Reopen**

The August 29 fishing period in Area 2A resulted in a catch of 20,000 lb (9.07 metric tons (mt)). The revised total commercial catch from Area 2A to date is 93,000 lb (42.18 mt), leaving approximately 12,000 lb (5.44 mt) to be taken.

Area 2A will reopen on September 12 for 10 hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time. The fishery is restricted to waters that are south of Point Chehalis, WA (46°53'18" N. lat.) under regulations promulgated by NMFS. Fishing period limits as indicated in the following table will be in effect for this opening.

Vessel class		Fishing period limit (lb)	
Length	Letter	Dressed, head-on	Dressed, head-off ¹
0-25	A	225	200
26-30	B	225	200
31-35	C	225	200
36-40	D	530	465
41-45	E	570	500
46-50	F	675	595
51-55	G	755	665
56+	H	1,135	1,000

¹ Weights are after 2 percent has been deducted for ice and slime if fish are not washed prior to weighing.

The appropriate vessel length class and letter is printed on each halibut license.

The fishing period limit is shown in terms of dressed, head-off weight as well as dressed, head-on weight, although fishermen are reminded that regulations require that all halibut from Area 2A be landed with the head on.

The fishing period limit applies to the vessel, not the individual fisherman, and any landings over the vessel limit will be subject to forfeiture and fine.

Dated: September 14, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries
Conservation and Management, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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50 CFR Part 661

[Docket No. 950426116-5116-01; I.D.
090895B]

Ocean Salmon Fisheries off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California; Closures From U.S.-Canadian Border to Carroll Island, WA, and from Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Closures.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the commercial salmon fishery in the area from the U.S.-Canadian border to Carroll Island, WA, was closed at 12 midnight, September 3, 1995, and the recreational salmon fishery in the area from Leadbetter Point, WA, to Cape Falcon, OR, was closed at 12 midnight, September 5, 1995. The Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the commercial quota of 25,000 coho salmon and the recreational quota of 37,500 coho salmon for the respective areas have been reached. This action is

necessary to conform to the preseason announcement of the 1995 management measures and is intended to ensure conservation of coho salmon.

DATES: Closure from the U.S.-Canadian border to Carroll Island, WA, effective at 2400 hours local time, September 3, 1995, until the effective date of the 1996 management measures, as published in the Federal Register. Closure from Leadbetter Point, WA, to Cape Falcon, OR, effective at 2400 hours local time, September 5, 1995, until the effective date of the 1996 management measures, as published in the Federal Register. Comments will be accepted through October 5, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700-Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070. Information relevant to this action has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the office of the Regional Director.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under regulations at 50 CFR 661.21(a)(1), NMFS will close the commercial or recreational fishery, or both, for ocean salmon when the quota has been projected to have been reached.

In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (60 FR 21746, May 3, 1995), NMFS announced that the 1995 commercial fishery in the area between the U.S.-Canadian border and Carroll Island, WA, would open on August 5 and fishing would follow a cycle of 4 days open and 3 days closed. The fishery would close the earliest of September 15, attainment of the adjusted 25,000 coho salmon quota (60 FR 40302, August 8, 1995), or attainment of the 160,000 pink salmon guideline.

The best available information on August 31 indicated that commercial

catches in this area totaled 21,358 coho salmon through the most recent opening on August 26-29. Based on the most recent catch and effort levels, commercial fishing could take place for an additional 2 days without exceeding the coho salmon quota. The next scheduled opening for this fishery was on September 2. Therefore, NMFS determined to close the commercial fishery for all salmon from the U.S.-Canadian border to Carroll Island, WA, for the remainder of the season at 12 midnight, September 3.

In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries, NMFS also announced that the 1995 recreational fishery in the area between Leadbetter Point, WA, and Cape Falcon, OR, would open on July 24 and close the earlier of September 28 or attainment of the adjusted 37,500 coho salmon quota (60 FR 21746, May 3, 1995; revised at 60 FR 40302, August 8, 1995).

The best available information on August 31 indicated that recreational catches in this area totaled 26,450 coho salmon through August 27. Based on estimated catch and effort levels, 36,150 coho salmon were projected to be caught through September 4, leaving 1,350 coho salmon of the quota unharvested. This amount of fish was determined to provide an additional day of harvest. Therefore, NMFS determined to close the recreational fishery for all salmon from Leadbetter Point, WA, to Cape Falcon, OR, at midnight, September 5.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding these closures. The States of Washington and Oregon will manage the commercial and recreational fisheries in State waters adjacent to these areas of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. In accordance with the inseason notice procedures of 50 CFR 661.23, actual notice was given to fishermen of the commercial closure prior to 2400